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TOPIC <u>LAERZ Airfield</u>		
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SOURCE

1. Sixty-five fighters with radial engines were parked in several rows on the eastern edge of the LAERZ (N 54/U 33) airfield. Ten more planes were dispersed over the field and eight were in the air. Most of the parked aircraft were covered with tarpaulins and, therefore, difficult to determine.

2. Description of planes observed aloft: Low-wing monoplane, radial engine, three-bladed propeller, wings slightly dihedral, rounded at roots, trailing and leading edges straight and tapering toward the rounded tips, section of fuselage aft of wings somewhat longer than forward of wings, landing gear retracting inward, leading edge of rudder assembly straight, trailing edge rounded, two-man crew, red propeller hub, gray blue paint; _____

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3. Flying in formation of five or six planes in line was done and several intermediate landings were made. The trucks _____ left the field proceeding in the direction of RECHLIN (N 54/U 33). The field was strictly guarded.

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Comment:

The reported number of aircraft agrees fairly well with previous reports by other sources. It is assumed that two fighter regiments are stationed in LAERZ. According to recent reports, the third component regiment of this division is probably stationed in PARCHIM. According to previous reports, the LAERZ fighter regiments are equipped with LA-9s. The correctness of the statement in para 2, according to which the observed aircraft had a two-man crew, is doubted unless source observed some Yak-11s in addition to the LA-9s.

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